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TALLINN, Estonia (AP) -- Following a storm of protest from Jews and dismay from U.S. officials, Lithuania has reversed a controversial decision not to prosecute an alleged Nazi war criminal from Massachusetts. Officials said the initial decision not to pursue charges against 87-year-old Aleksandras Lileikis was made in haste.

"The feeling is that not all the documents were looked at and some were looked at too quickly," government press spokesman Vilius Kavaliauskas said Wednesday.

The decision doesn't mean Lileikis will be charged, but that his case will be reopened.

Jewish groups in Lithuania and overseas had accused the country of trying to avoid responsibility for bringing a former Nazi to justice.

President Algirdas Brazauskas of Lithuania also expressed displeasure with the decision to close the case against Liliekis. Press reports speculated Brazauskas was anxious to have the decision reversed before his trip to Israel on Tuesday, the first ever by a Lithuanian president.

While many Lithuanian leaders were happy with the reversal, nationalists complained the country was caving in to American and Israeli pressure.

Nationalist leader Rimantas Smetona said Wednesday that Lithuania had gone too far in helping Nazi hunters, especially by giving Israeli researchers access to War War II files.

"An Israeli delegation comes, checks the files of Lithuanian citizens ... pokes its fingers into still bleeding wounds with our leaders slavishly smiling," Smetona was quoted as saying by the Baltic News Service.

After the Baltic country's independence in 1991, Jewish groups criticized Lithuania for not facing up to its past under Nazi occupation, when 220,000 Jews -- 94 percent of the country's pre-war Jewish population -- were murdered.

Over the past year, the Lithuanian government has addressed the touchy issue by publicly apologizing to Jews and pledging to prosecute war criminals.

Lileikis is considered a test case of Lithuanian resolve to go after ex-Nazis.

Last year, the U.S. Justice Department sued to strip Lileikis of his U.S. citizenship for his alleged involvement in the murder of Jews as the head of the Nazi-sponsored Lithuanian Security Police for Vilnius from 1941-44.

It said Lileikis signed at least six orders in 1941 turning over groups of Jews to Special Detachment, a Nazi unit that killed 33,000 Jews that year.

Lileikis admits working for the Nazi police but insists he had no part in killing Jews.

If Lithuania decides to charge Lileikis, the U.S. government could try to extradite him to stand trial.